

Governor

Diane E. Benson, Green



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OCCUPATION: Owner, Northern Stars Theatre Services. Work as literary artist, actor, director, researcher, and presentation skills educator.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: Lifetime

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts, Theatre with a Minor in Justice, 1985; M.F.A. Creative Writing, 2002; Creative Writing, extensive studies in Journalism and Law; American Film Institute, 1991, entertainment studies. Trained and served as faculty, National Judicial College, Nevada, 2000.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce; Alaska Native Sisterhood-Camp 87; ABATE of Chugiak; Alaska Press Women; National Congress of American Indians; UAA Native Student Services Advisory Committee; Anchorage Tlingit/Haida Council; former involvements: Alaska Film Group, Anchorage Native Caucus, Chugiak Dog Mushers.

OTHER:

Alaska is an amazing place and I hope will be when my grandchildren have grandchildren. I hope they will enjoy dog mushing, motorcycling or hiking as I do, and dance at traditional ceremonies while eating traditional foods.

STATEMENT:

I believe in Alaska and I want to help end the Republican/Democrat gridlock that prevents healthy development and resolution. I believe that Alaska can lead the nation in innovative community development rather than rank amongst the highest in violence, alcoholism, and economic disparity. We can do this by,

A Comprehensive Health Care Plan -to provide care to every man, woman and child. It is possible at no more (if not less the cost) than we spend now. As we have seen, band-aid solutions do not provide results. We can help reduce government by focusing on building healthy families rather than legislating "family values."

Education - as a priority. All public schools must be funded and schools made safer. Let's install Conflict Resolution programs rather than metal detectors in our schools. Build Alaskan pride and teach Alaska History.

Public Safety - that includes not only protection of citizens, but the protection of rights and fair application of the law. Private prisons erode accountability and due process and cost society more in the long run.

Supporting Local Industry - that develops value-added resources, builds sustainable Alaskan based industries, creates incentives, and hires Alaskans, including building an All-Alaska gas-line.

Windfall Equal Sharing Tax on Oil - that means the state receives a more equitable share of the profit from its own oil with no harm to the company.

Election Reform -that levels the playing field so that principles not capital helps elect a candidate. Greens do not accept outside contributions or "soft money."
(See Website for more)

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Lieutenant Governor

Della A. Coburn, Green



OTHER:

Born in Ketchikan, my home village is Kasaan. I served 8 years on the City Council, and now sit on Kasaan's Tribal Council. I am the librarian for the village. I have a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Central Washington State University, and currently study anthropology. Kasaan has always been a subsistence community. I have always lived the fishing, hunting, gathering and sharing way of life, and want to preserve that way of life for future generations of Alaskans.

STATEMENT:

Rather than moving the capital, we can make the capital more accessible, by video-conferencing for instance, from each community in Alaska.

Oil companies should be made to pay their fair share of the tax burden, since they take out 5 times as much profit as they bring into Alaska.

All who are dependent on the fishing, hunting, gathering and sharing ways of subsistence, deserve the wild foods in Alaska, not only those who are poor, rural, or Native. Food is a basic human right. "Dependence" means cultural, nutritional, economic, social need for the food animals and plants in our state and national forests and waters. There are needy urban people and veterans, elderly, widows, and disabled urban people who should also receive these foods, by proxy.

We need a more equitable distribution of state education funds, based on actual education costs, and ample funding for sanitation systems in rural Alaska, since Alaskans pay a high price due to diseases and infections resulting from poor sanitation.

We need Alaskan gas piped through and delivered throughout the state where it is feasible, in order for most Alaskans to receive this cleaner fuel, and the jobs this development creates. We should not export all of Alaska's gas resources. We need our own, for our own.

The closed primary works against true democracy. Closing it ignores our citizens' best interests. Freedom of choice means everyone has the inherent right to cross party lines. That constitutes a truly free and open electoral process.

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